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At its March meeting, the Council on Postsecondary Education approved an allocation of \$100,000 from the Technology Trust Fund for the development of local P-16 councils. Two proposals have been funded.

- **The Northern Kentucky Council of Partners in Education – \$10,000**
The Council of Partners is a joint venture among Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More College, Northern Kentucky Technical College, northern Kentucky school superintendents, and the region's county judge executives. It has existed for eight years. Activities involve educators and civic leaders in Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, Pendleton, and Gallatin Counties. P-16 faculty partnerships in content areas clarify specific skills and knowledge necessary for college-readiness and explore ways to incorporate technology into teaching. (The Kentucky Early Mathematics Testing Program grew out of these content alliances. See Agenda Item F-3.) The Council of Partners will increase community involvement by working more closely with business and workforce development groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, to better teach skills needed in the workplace. The four leadership groups have jointly hired a full-time executive director.
- **Owensboro Regional Alliance – \$10,000**
The Regional Alliance is a partnership of regional leaders in education, business, and industry in Daviess, McLean, Ohio, and Hancock Counties. It will use its award to expand its work over the past two years. It will further develop its Discover College program. Discover College works with nine high schools to improve college readiness and to prepare students for technical careers. As an outgrowth of Discover College, Discover Teaching will support the recruitment and preparation of teachers. The Alliance will initiate a college-to-career program for college seniors, as well as a professional development program for local educators based on the Quest for Useful Skills for Tomorrow program begun by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc. Finally, the Alliance has already formed an Applied Mathematics Steering Committee to improve the mathematics skills of area high school graduates.